THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the points raised by the hon. Member are mainly under the Government of India's purview. According to the rules framed by the Government of India, sari with gold content exceeding 9 carat purity will come within the scope of the Gold Control Rules. The question of filling declarations under the Gold Control Rules has been left to the discretion of the merchants depending upon the purity of gold and variety of zari used by them. At a meeting held at Kancheepuram on 2nd February 1963 before the Assistant Collector of Central Excise, some of the silk zari merchants using zari expected to contain gold of 9 carat and more themselves unanimously decided it expedient to file their declarations and apply for licences. So far 167 declarations have been filed by merchants out of which 101 persons have applied for licences. Some of the Silk Zari Merchants have neither filed declarations nor applied for licences. The Central Excise Department has raised no objection for using the stocks of zari by the merchants. The information with the Government is that the silk zari merchants have not been compelled at any stage for filing declarations or applying for licences. There need be no apprehension of any unemployment or of production being affected on this count.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) MOTION UNDER RULE 23 (1) OF THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move :

'That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 30th March 1963.'

MR. CHAIRMAN : The question is :

'That Rule 23 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules be suspended and this House do resolve to transact Government Business on Saturday, the 30th March 1963.'

The motion was put and carried.

(2) ASSOCIATION OF THREE MEMBERS WITH THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATRAMAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I move :

'That this House nominates the following three members to associate with the Committee on Subordinate Legislation of the Legislative Assembly for the financial year 1963–64 :—

Dr. P. V. RAJAMANNAR.
Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR.
Sri M. SESHACHARIAR.